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Whereas, James E. Koutz, of Boonville, was elected national commander of the American Legion on August 30, 2012, at the organization's 94th National Convention in Indianapolis;

Whereas, A veteran of the United States Army, James Koutz served an extended tour of duty in Vietnam with Company C 169th Engineer Battalion and was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist 5 in March 1971;

Whereas, Upon leaving the Army, James Koutz became a member of the American Legion;

Whereas, James Koutz is a member of Post 200 as was his father, George, a World War II veteran and a past commander of the post;

Whereas, James Koutz was honored as a life member of Post 200 in 1991 and has served as Post Commander for nine years;

Whereas, During his time in the American Legion, James Koutz has held numerous elected and appointed offices at the post, county, district, department, and national levels;

Whereas, As Indiana State American Legion Commander, James Koutz raised the Legion's membership to an all-time high;



Whereas, At the national level, James Koutz served on the Foreign Relations Commission and as chairman of both the Economics and Legislative commissions, and is a member of the Citizens Flag Alliance and the Veterans' Planning and Coordinating Committee;

Whereas, In recognition of his many accomplishments, James Koutz received a Sagamore of the Wabash from former Governor Evan Bayh and was recognized for outstanding community achievement of a Vietnam veteran by President Jimmy Carter;

Whereas, James Koutz also received the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award from the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Elks and Boonville Elks Lodge No. 1180; and

Whereas, James Koutz has served his country and his state with honor and distinction and merits special recognition for his many accomplishments: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
2 James E. Koutz on his election as the National Commander of the
3 American Legion and thanks him for his dedicated service to the state
4 of Indiana and the nation.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to James E. Koutz.

